

**SUBSTANCE
TESTING/ SCREENS
FOR
CHILDREN/YOUTH****Substance Abuse**

Mental Health Code, MCL 330.1100d(10) defines substance abuse as “the taking of alcohol or other drugs at dosages that place an individual's social, economic, psychological, and physical welfare in potential hazard or to the extent that an individual loses the power of self-control as a result of the use of alcohol or drugs, or while habitually under the influence of alcohol or drugs, endangers public health, morals, safety, or welfare, or a combination thereof.”

**Children’s
Protective
Services**

CPS must not subject a child to substance testing during an investigation or services case.

**Court Ordered
Screenings or
Treatment**

If the caseworker has a suspicion or belief that a child is misusing substances, the caseworker must seek a court order for screens or substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. The court has the authority to order substance testing and treatment for a minor under its jurisdiction.

POLICY CONTACT

Questions about this policy item may be directed to the [Child Welfare Policy Mailbox](#).